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Bill:

The following ~~is~~ are additional details on the incident involving U.S. newsmen Firday given me by David Dow, CBS:

1. The incident was heavily and thoroughly reported by AP, upi, AFP from beginning to end. Dow sent a radio report to CBS which concentrated on what happened to the women, adding the fact that the newsmen had been taken to the pokey where they were "well treated and released in 90 minutes."
2. He was told by AP and AFP that spokespersons for the women affirmed that the petition had been presented to GOA officials within the Congress building. The women claimed they had 24,000 ~~(approximately)~~ (sic !!!) signatures on the petition. This has been reported by the wires services.
3. He said police officials on the scene had been told that Dow and the others were journalists. Police suggested that they keep themselves apart from the women and there would be no trouble. They did so but still were taken to the precienct.
4. The best information presently available to the press is that the demonstrators (about ~~90~~ 200 of whom 85% were women, the rest men) were questioned and released. Police said the demonstration was an "illegal assembly under the state of s~~at~~ge."

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P.S. Max did send a telegram to Washington so any cables should be signed Higgins.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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